

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 13 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Morbitzer Family
 (Don Manley)

Is 43:16-21; Phil 5:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday, March 14 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 15 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. Mary Agriesti Gall (Mike & Cathy Agriesti)
 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 16 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 am Richard Bellomy
 (Joyce Lewanowski & Susan Bailey)
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 17 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Walter Jakeway (Mary Evelyn Ruetty)
 Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8: 51-59

Friday, March 18 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 19 ♦

St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30 a.m. Mary Agriesti Gall (Mike & Cathy Agriesti)
 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, March 20 ♦

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Susan Haninger (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or
 Lk 23:1-49

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Patty Jones, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Today is our opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

THANKS!

March 6, 2016 Offerings

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)
 Catholic Relief Svcs. = \$612.00

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 94
 11:00 a.m. = 86

Offertory.....	\$ 1,731.00
Mail-in.....	\$ 731.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair	\$ 85.00
Less 6% Diocese tax . (\$	151.74)
Net to Parish:	\$ 2,377.26

Sympathy and Prayers

Virginia Collura, sister of Sr. Ruth Ann Heider, died recently. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Catholic Relief Services Results

\$612.00 was contributed last weekend for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thanks for supporting this very important collection.

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

God’s Church Needs You – March 19th!!

Bring your bucket, dust rag and mop on Saturday, March 19th starting at 2:00 p.m. Let’s remove any dust or dirt from this winter and make the church beautiful for Easter. Many “hands” are needed and all are welcomed!

Volunteers for Holy Thursday Ritual

If you would be willing to participate in the Foot Washing Ritual during Mass on Holy Thursday, please contact Sr. Anne at the Parish Office. This ritual reminds us of the mission Jesus gave us to humbly serve others in whatever way we can. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your generosity.

Lenten Opportunities

Fr. Dwayne will continue to lead a Book Study of *THE SHACK* following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 10th.

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.: Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross.

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass & 6:00 p.m. [Sorrowful Mother Devotion will resume on **First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence.*

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

***Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

THE WORD

Have you ever been “caught in the act”? There is no way to get out of it, though we often try. The woman was caught in the act. So was the man. Where was he? He deserved the same punishment. But I digress. Jesus catches the leaders in the act of misunderstanding the law in a way that imprisons them.

Jesus offers a new way. Taking his time he writes on the ground. We don't know what he wrote. Whatever it was, they are moved to change their intentions after Jesus invites anyone *without* sin to cast the first stone. They walk away and no longer condemn her. Neither does Jesus. He forgives her and tells her to sin no more. Note: nothing indicates that her forgiveness depends on her obeying that command.

Jesus did something new. He put her situation in a context we all share: we all sin and need God's freely offered mercy. If we turn to Jesus, admit our need for forgiveness, and take on the suffering that changing our hearts and our ways can entail, we can experience the promised resurrection that Paul proclaims in today's second reading.

We have a choice. We can be honest when caught in the act and suffer the consequences of sin or judgment, thus opening the way to forgiveness and acceptance; or we can try to wiggle our way out and miss God's freely offered mercy. Admitting our sin and need for God turns weeping into rejoicing at the great things God does for us. Drink of God's mercy and turn to the One who helps us run the race and reach the prize of God's merciful love.

– *What is your natural response to being “caught in the act”?*
 – *Who has helped you change your heart, return to God, and live God's merciful love?*

from “Living the Word”

Meeting Alzheimer's

Meeting Alzheimer's is a hope filled and inspiring workshop for caregivers. Reverend Mary Raysa will be presenting this program on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at RE/MAX Capital Centre, Inc., 3805 N. High Street in Clintonville. The workshop is compassionate and educational, including formal training. Registration is free and seating is limited. For more information or to register, please call Pat at (614) 595-3545 or email pkdavis@ee.net.

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Holy Thursday, March 24, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Good Friday, March 25, Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. & Liturgy & Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Holy Saturday, March 26, Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice – Continues!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for the choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact David Brattain for more information (dbrattain42@gmail.com).

Anyone Interested In Gardening?

We are looking for individuals that may be interested in assisting in caring for the Holy Cross Gardens. Gardening usually runs from mid-March through mid November. Anyone interested may contact either Tom Henry at 614-595-5857 or Tom Duncan at 614-905-0231.

2016 Service Award

Face Forward is proud to announce the 4th annual Service Awards. Two winners will be chosen to receive \$50.00 for their service efforts. The awards are available to all students, grades 8-12, living in the Diocese of Columbus, including those attending public, private and Catholic school as well as home schooled students. Recipients will be chosen based on their parish involvement, service and a 300 word essay on the importance of service and giving back to the community. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2016. Winners will be announced May 5. For more information and to enter, visit www.faceforwardcolumbusblog.com/service-awards.

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE BE ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you'll learn to make your relationship central, and extraordinary. The next two weekends are April 22-24 and August 5-7, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org.